

REMARKS

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated October 6, 2005. In this amendment, Claims 8, 9, 11, 12 and 24-28 have been cancelled and Claim 17 has been amended to only correct a typographical error by changing the word "with" in line 12 to width. The application now includes Claims 1-5, 7, 17-21 and 23 with Claims 1 and 17 being the only independent claims. Favorable reconsideration, in view of the above amendments and accompanying remarks, is respectfully requested.

In paragraphs 2-3 of the Official Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 8, 9, 11, 12, 24, 25, 27 and 28 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. As discussed above, these claims have been cancelled.

In paragraphs 4-5 of the Official Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 8, 9, 12, 24, 25 and 28 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,549,181 to Evans. As discussed above, these claims have been cancelled.

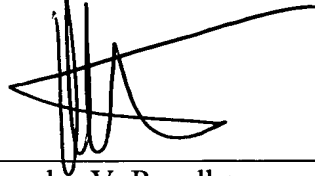
In paragraphs 6-7 of the Official Action, the Examiner has rejected Claims 11, 23 and 27 under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over by U.S. Patent No. 5,549,181 to Evans in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,269,915 to Aoyagi. Initially, it is believed that this rejection should only apply to Claims 11 and 27 because Claim 23 depends from Claim 17 which, as will be discussed below, the Examiner has indicated is allowed. Thus, since Claims 11 and 27 have been cancelled, it is believed that this rejection is overcome.

In paragraph 8 of the Official Action, the Examiner has allowed Claims 1-5, 7, 17-21 and 23. Accordingly, since only Claims 1-5, 7, 17-21 and 23 remain in the application, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the above amendments and accompanying remarks, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. However, if the Examiner does not believe that the above remarks and amendments place the application in condition for allowance, or if the Examiner has any comments or suggestions, it is requested that the

Examiner contact Applicants' attorney at (419) 255-5900 to discuss the application prior to the issuance of an action in this case by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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